

# MINING CHARACTERISTICS, 2005

Data Source: MSHA; Excludes Office Employees

Commodity and Type of Employer	No. of Mines	No. of Companies	No. of Employees	No. of FTE* Employees	Fatality Rate**	Nonfatal Lost-time Injury Rate***
Coal Operator	2,063	--	78,281	87,184	19.5	3.5
Metal Operator	263	--	26,442	27,773	18.0	2.4
Nonmetal Operator	739	--	19,678	20,014	20.0	2.5
Stone Operator	4,490	--	69,759	73,650	20.4	3.1
Sand and Gravel Operator	7,111	--	37,705	34,258	26.3	2.5
<b>Operator Total</b>	<b>14,666</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>231,865</b>	<b>242,879</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Coal Contractor	--	2,503	32,639	20,136	24.8	2.7
Noncoal Contractor	--	4,297	46,623	25,590	7.8	1.6
<b>Contractor Total</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>79,262</b>	<b>45,726</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>311,127</b>	<b>288,605</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>

\* Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Employees computed using reported hours worked (2,000 = 1 FTE)

\*\* Fatality rates were computed per 100,000 FTE employees

\*\*\* Nonfatal lost-time injury rates were computed per 100 FTE employees